

The Nicholson House
Camden, Camden County, New Jersey

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The Nicholson House
Camden, Camden County, New Jersey

Owner: Camden County Park Commission

Date of Erection: 1699

Architect:

Builder: Joseph Nicholson

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - stone

Interior walls - plaster

Roof - ^{gambrel}hip with dormers,
wood shingles

Historical Data:

Joseph Nicholson was six years old when he came to West Jersey in 1676 with his family. The Nicholsons came from Northamptonshire, England, with John Fenwick to what they called Salem. Samuel Nicholson, the father of Joseph, was evidently a man of means, for he purchased the right to two thousand acres of land outside of Salem. He also bought sixteen acres of land in Salem.

In the year 1699 Joseph Nicholson married Hannah Wood and purchased a tract of land on the north bank of Cooper's Creek and built a stone house. Joseph died in 1702 and the property was inherited by his oldest son, Samuel. The house remained in the Nicholson family until 1826 when Abel Nicholson sold it to Hugh Hatch.

On March 1, 1778, a skirmish took place near the house between the American forces commanded by Generals Wayne and Pulaski and the British troops from Philadelphia.

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